

# MEAD CLAIMS 323 DELEGATES IN CONVENTION

## Fleetwood Claims About 300

Delegates and His Supporters Say They Are Hopeful of Result of Yesterday's Caucuses.

## BATCHELDER THIRD WITH PERHAPS 64 VOTES

Larger Places in the State Went for Mead Quite Generally, But Rutland County Did Not Give Him United Support.

Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, both Mead and Fleetwood were hopeful of the results of yesterday's caucuses in Vermont to determine the Republican nominee for governor. Mead's claim is a little larger than that of Fleetwood. Each based his belief on reports about unpledged delegates.

Of the pledged delegates, the standing up to the present time is as follows:

Mead ..... 261

Fleetwood ..... 165

Batchelder ..... 14

Haggood ..... 3

Mr. Batchelder's figures will probably be increased by fifty votes from Windham county, the delegates being unpledged, but being favorable to the Arlington man. It will be necessary to have 350 votes to nominate. This afternoon, Mead was claiming 323 and was allowed Fleetwood 168.

Fleetwood carried his county unanimously, while Mead got 39 out of 99, leaving the balance unpledged. Mead was particularly strong in Clarendon, Franklin and Orleans counties, besides carrying most of the larger places, including Burlington, Rutland City, Barre City, St. Albans City and Vergennes. Fleetwood was strong in Caledonia and Orange counties and a little more than held his own in Washington county.

Rutland, June 15.—From returns received up to noon at the Mead headquarters, the delegates elected at last night's caucuses stand about as follows:

Dr. John A. Mead ..... 323

E. C. Fleetwood ..... 168

J. K. Batchelder ..... 59

M. J. Haggood ..... 3

The town of Bygate failed to elect any delegates.

Morrisville, June 15.—The supporters of Mr. Fleetwood here feel quite confident from the information received from all parts of the state to-day that the gentleman from Morrisville will be the Republican candidate for governor this year. The returns received up to noon show that Mr. Fleetwood will have of the delegates elected last night, pledged and unpledged, 300 on the first ballot in the state convention and many towns have not yet been heard from.

The Standing by Counties.

County.	Mead.	Fleetwood.	Batchelder.	Haggood.	Unpledged.	Missing.
Addison	50	12	..	..	17	..
Bennington	12	14	3	..	15	..
Caledonia	9	16	..	..	17	4
Chittenden	47	10	..	..	..	..
Essex	5	5	..	..	3	6
Franklin	34	13	..	..	4	..
Grand Isle	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lamoille	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orange	11	21	..	..	5	4
Orleans	41	10	..	..	..	..
Rutland	39	..	..	..	43	9
Washington	10	17	..	..	30	2
Windham	9	50	..	..	4	..
Windsor	8	22	..	..	22	17
Totals	261	165	64	3	127	88

## VERY CLOSE CONTEST IN BARRE CAUCUS

Mead Ticket Won Out Over Fleetwood, and Plumley Was Given Unanimous Endorsement.

Barre City's ten votes in the Republican state convention will be for John A. Mead for governor, a Mead ticket having been elected in last night's Republican caucus, after a very close brush with a Fleetwood ticket, the vote standing 140 for Mead to 131 for Fleetwood. The same caucus sent a delegation of ten men to the second district convention to vote for Congressman Frank Plumley's re-nomination. The caucus was very orderly throughout and very quiet, even the result of the state ticket contest being only mildly received.

Frank G. Howland of the city committee called the caucus to order and was elected chairman, after which H. W. Scott was chosen clerk. The district del-

egate election being first before the caucus, S. Hollister Jackson moved that the clerk be instructed to call one ballot for the Plumley ticket, and the motion prevailed without opposition.

The delegates are: Burt H. Wells, C. M. Willey, John Robins, W. H. Mead, C. S. Andrews, D. J. Morse, H. J. Clayton, J. C. Griggs, F. H. Rogers and J. B. Sanginetti. The ten alternates are: J. W. Gordon, N. J. Roberts, R. Albright, A. A. Sargent, John McDonald, James G. Chase, Dan A. Perry, A. A. Smith, E. R. Davis and H. W. Scott.

When the election of state convention delegates came up, James P. Marr moved that the ballot box be kept open until, in the opinion of the chairman, all voters in the hall had voted; and the motion was carried. Then, without nomination, the voters formed in line and marched across the stage and deposited their ballots under the eye of the checkers.

It was obvious that the vote would show but little difference in the standing of the two tickets, with the choice falling either way by a small margin. So there was little surprise when the chairman announced the following result:

Whole number cast ..... 271  
Necessary for choice ..... 136  
Fleetwood ..... 131  
Mead ..... 140

The Mead ticket is composed of these men: S. D. Allen, James Marr, Jose Cayne, Joseph D. Goss, W. T. Calder, James Adie, William Kelley, Joseph Sanginetti, James Marr and Thomas H. Carr, Jr. The alternates are: A. W. Bulger, E. J. Sowden, L. H. Thurston, R. Albright, Jackie Good, E. A. Bugbee, C. J. Allen, Joseph Calagni, W. E. Beck and C. N. Kenyon.

The final action of the caucus was the election of a city committee for two years. The only contest was over committee-man from the fifth ward, R. Albright winning over James McDonald with one vote to spare. The new committee is as follows:

Ward 1, Frank G. Howland; ward 2, Frank L. Small; ward 3, Thomas H. Carr, Jr.; ward 4, James McDonald; ward 5, R. Albright; ward 6, W. E. Beck; committee-man at large, A. A. Sargent.

The Barre Town caucus was held in the East Barre opera house, with F. C. Bancroft chairman and A. W. Allen secretary. State convention delegates are: John W. Averill, A. W. Allen, Don V. Camp, Harry McAllister, they to choose their own alternates. The delegates are unpledged, but it is said that a majority of them are for Mead. A. B. Hutchins, James Lawson, F. L. Tucker and F. L. Sargent were elected delegates to the district convention and were empowered to choose their own alternates. The town committee was chosen as follows: F. C. Bancroft, A. W. Allen, D. A. Fraser, George J. Sargent and Alex. Canfield.

## MEAD LOST IN NORTHFIELD

Delegation Unpledged but Some Are for Fleetwood.

Northfield, June 15.—At the Republican caucus yesterday afternoon, the following delegates were elected to attend the congressional or district convention: Charles A. Plumley, chairman; C. L. Pervier, H. M. Howe, John L. Mosley and W. T. Kerr. The delegates were empowered to appoint their own alternates. Charles A. Plumley was elected chairman of the caucus and E. L. Field secretary.

At a caucus held immediately afterward, the following delegates were elected to attend the state convention: A. E. Macdridge, C. L. Morse, W. H. Holton, Dr. B. E. Allen and Fred Fuller. A ballot was required on election of each delegate. The winners of Dr. Mead put up a good fight to elect delegates known to be favorable to his candidacy, but were defeated all through the list. The delegation is considered more independent than otherwise; certain of them are known to favor Fred G. Fleetwood and others have expressed a favorable opinion concerning the candidacy of Mr. Batchelder. The delegation will go unpledged and was empowered to elect its own alternates and to fill any vacancy if there should be such.

A motion instructing the delegation to vote for Mr. Haggood of Peru, was lost. The old Republican town committee was re-elected.

South Royalton, June 15.—At the Republican caucus yesterday, Ernest J. Hewitt was elected moderator and Arthur G. Witham clerk. The state convention delegates were instructed for Fleetwood. They are Dr. Oliver J. Elkins, George Taggart and Amos J. Eaton. The congressional convention delegates are William V. Soper, Glen T. Dewey and George L. Dutton. The county convention delegates are Arthur C. Whitman, Amos P. Skinner, Percy S. Belknap, Fred E. Allen and George Ellis.

Groton, June 15.—At the Republican caucus, held yesterday afternoon, two following delegates were elected to the district and state convention, Thomas B. Hall, R. N. Darling; county convention, Morris C. Coffrin, Loren G. Welch and Bernard S. Eastman. The following town committees were elected, R. N. Darling, Robert A. Davidson and S. N. Welch. The state delegates were instructed to vote for Fleetwood for governor.

## 12-MINUTE CAUCUS.

It Didn't Take Montpelier Republicans Very Long.

The Montpelier Republican caucus was in session twelve minutes last night. F. A. Howland being chairman and B. M. Harvey secretary. The unpledged anti-Mead delegates to the state convention June 30 are: Joseph A. Delboer, Fred R. Thomas, James Canning, O. H. Richardson, Fred R. Ryle, Fred L. Laird, W. H. Crockett, Charles D. Wall, Chandler McAllister, Dr. Leo A. Newcomb.

The alternates elected are: George W. Wing, George W. Stratton, C. S. Whit-

## NO RIGHT TO GIVE OATH

To the Applicants for Liquor Licenses

## SAYS RUTLAND BOARD

They Refused to Make Them Swear, and, Therefore, Judge Plumley Lost His Chance to Be Vindicated.

Rutland, June 15.—Thirty-two applications for liquor licenses were read here this morning. There was only one objection, which was to keep a first-class place of the principal business street. The board of license commissioners went on record as saying that they had no right to put the applicants under oath to allow them to be examined by attorneys as to their qualifications to hold a license. The move was made by friends of Assistant Judge F. M. Plumley to refuse the charge of graft and control of the liquor business graft.

## JEFFRIES AND JOHNSON ACCEPT \$75,000 OFFER

Pictures Probably Worth \$300,000, but Pugilists Get This Money, Rain or Shine, or Should Fight Be Stopped.

San Francisco, Cal., June 15.—As Jeffries and Johnson climb the rough ropes, they will be handed \$75,000 each by William King, head of the picture trust. They will keep \$50,000 each and hand the rest to Richard and Gleason. Jack Johnson signed the contract last night. Jeffries has not signed yet, but says he will accept. The acceptance came as a surprise, as the pictures are believed to be worth \$300,000, but the pugilists prefer sure money, the picture trust paying over the cash even should the weather prevent the taking of pictures or should the fight be stopped.

## OPINIONS DIFFER.

Italian Authorities Think Charlton Has Sailed for America.

Como, Italy, June 15.—The authorities are convinced that Porfirio Charlton has sailed for New York, either on the steamer Verona or Virginia from Genoa, and have wireless both captains to let no one on land who resembles him. The Italian police have completely abandoned the theory that Charlton was murdered with his wife, but Ambassador Leishman still believes that Charlton has been slain and is directing a further search for the body.

## GOVERNMENT GENERAL ATTACKED BY SERVLIST

Five Shots Fired, All of Which Missed.

Would-be Slayer Then Shot Himself Fatally—Crowd Wildly Excited.

Sarajevo, Bosnia, June 15.—Five shots were fired to-day at General Varesanin, Austrian government general of the newly annexed province of Bosnia, by Nedžad Maric, a servilist. All the shots missed and Maric then shot himself fatally. The attempt was made outside the debt and the crowd was wildly excited, the police quelling the disturbance.

## KNOX' PLAN SUCCESSFUL.

Many Foreign Powers Approve International Council of Arbitration.

Philadelphia, June 15.—Secretary Knox, in speaking at the commencement of the university of Pennsylvania, made the significant statement that the foreign powers had gone so far in indicating formally their approval of his plans for establishing an international council of arbitration of justice that the success of the enterprise was practically assured.

## PRESIDENT ON SHORT TRIP.

Delivers Address Before School This Afternoon—Back at Capital To-night.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—President Taft left early this morning for Marietta, where he will deliver an address late this afternoon at the Marietta school, returning to-night to Washington.

Henry J. Gutchell, H. K. Bianchi, E. A. Nutt, Arthur H. Ellis, Ralph R. Denny. The delegates elected to the second district convention, to be held at Montpelier June 29, are: Hon. E. M. Harvey, Gen. J. H. Lucia, A. D. Farwell, S. W. Benjamin, S. S. Ballard, E. M. Menard, Harry Vett, Frank E. Smith, Benjamin Gates, Charles A. Robie. The alternates are: F. A. Duval, George Colby, H. O. Kraft, S. C. Roberts, E. R. Clark, J. H. Adams, R. M. Shepard, Arthur Emory, Ned Alexander, L. H. Aberton.

## MEAD IN BURLINGTON.

Rutland Man Won Out by 146 Votes.

Burlington, June 15.—The caucus held yesterday to elect 16 delegates to the state convention to be held at Montpelier June 30, resulted in a victory for the John A. Mead delegation by a majority of 146 over the delegation for Frederick G. Fleetwood. The total number of votes cast was 1,190. Mr. Mead received 638 and Mr. Fleetwood 507. A caucus was also held at the same time to elect 16 delegates to the first congressional district convention to be held in this city June 29, which resulted in 1,007 votes being cast for David J. Foster, the present congressman from that district. Mr. Foster's delegation was the only one in the caucus.

## FLYING FISH DROPS INTO MUD HOLE

Burgess Biplane Wrecked On Its Maiden Cross-Country Trip—Aviator Pfeister Will Continue Journey To-day.

Newburyport, Mass., June 15.—Flying, it is said, at the rate of a mile a minute, the Flying Fish biplane of W. C. Burgess started from Plum Island on its maiden cross-country flight about 7 o'clock last night, under the guidance of A. L. Pfeister, and landed in a mud hole of the marsh on the Rowley river about five miles from the water and close to the Rowley railroad station.

In landing, the nose of the skid sank in the mud and the forward elevator touched the ground causing a fracture of the main beam. Extracting himself from the marsh, the aviator, unhurt, returned to Plum Island and obtained a new beam, with which he returned to the disabled airship, announcing that he would complete its repair during the night and return on it this morning.

The flight of the Flying Fish was the first it had attempted. After finding that it responded well and was well balanced, Pfeister decided to try a flight to Rowley, about eight miles away.

He rose to about 200 feet and aimed his flight, dipping to 50 feet in crossing the numerous creeks and the Parker and Rowley rivers. Picking out the marsh at the Rowley station for a soft landing place he descended, the falling light concealing the mud hole into which he plunged.

Pfeister tried to fly back this morning, but his propeller struck a stump and smashed. He will try to repair it and fly this evening.

## ROOSEVELT'S ADMIRERS GATHER IN NEW YORK

One Third of City's Police Force to be Massed in Battery Park, Where He Lands—General Parade Omitted.

New York, June 15.—The city is filling with strangers from every state in the union to welcome Colonel Roosevelt. Hand-me-downs and frock coats mingle in the bars and cafes along Broadway and the only topics are these two, "Will Jeff beat Johnson?" and "What in hell will Teddy do when he gets back?" The committee of arrangements is having its hands full. One third of the city's police force will be massed at Battery Park, where Roosevelt will land, to prevent a disaster in the crush. The general parade feature has been abandoned, because it was discovered that the different organizations, if marching, would not pass the reviewing stand in a day, and Roosevelt has made it plain that he wants it all over by noon or noon after.

## BIG MILL BURNED

Loss at New Bedford, Mass., Late Yesterday Was \$50,000.

New Bedford, Mass., June 15.—The plant of the Acushnet Sawmills company, incorporated, was entirely destroyed by fire late yesterday afternoon and with the boards used in the manufacture of boxes, 150,000 feet of which was burned, causing a loss of \$50,000 to the corporation.

The mill and factory is just over the line from New Bedford, but three steamers and a hand fire engine from this city went to the fire.

One small dwelling house was also partly destroyed and other buildings were damaged. The New Bedford firemen worked all night on the burning piles of lumber and sawdust. When the fire started, caused by friction from a wooden pulley, a local insurance agent was in the office talking insurance with Supt. Frederick R. Hayes trying to induce him to insure the plant.

There was not a cent of insurance on the buildings, machinery or lumber and the loss will be total. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

About sixty hands were employed.

## T. R. PLEASES STOKERS.

Spread Coal on Steamer Fire—In Direct Communication with New York.

New York, June 15.—The United Press, to-day for a staff correspondent aboard the Kaiserin the first direct wire news regarding the movements of Colonel Roosevelt, which has been received in this country. It related details of the visit to the smoke hole, where the colonel spread coal on the fire, to the huge delight of the firemen. From now on the Kaiserin will be reached by communication from New York, instead of the message being relayed to London, as formerly.

## WANTS COMMISSION FIRED.

Jeremiah J. McCarthy Was Not Approved for Boston Fire Head.

Boston, June 15.—Jeremiah J. McCarthy, surveyor of the port of Boston, whose appointment as fire commissioner for Boston by Mayor F. F. Fitzgerald was recently rejected by the civil service commission, late yesterday petitioned for the removal from office of the members of the commission.

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

T. H. Wilcox is in Williamstown to-day on business.

Miss Elizabeth Carson is passing three weeks in Orleans.

L. V. Jones is in Burlington for a few days on business.

William McDonald went to Wells River for a short stay to-day.

Mrs. S. H. Barnes left the city to-day for Fabyan, N. H., where she expects to remain for several weeks.

Mrs. James Sawyer left home to-day on an extended trip to Bedford, Mass., and other points in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Carl Eisenwelder went to Boston this morning, where she expects to visit relatives.

## 115TH SESSION AT MONTPELIER

Vermont Congregational Convention Held This Week

## YEAR OF GOOD PROGRESS

Rec. Secretary John M. Comstock Gives Some Interesting Statistics—Greetings Extended from Other Churches in the City.

The 115th annual meeting of the Vermont Congregational convention is in session at Bethany church, Montpelier, this week, opening yesterday afternoon with a full attendance. President M. H. Backlund of the university of Vermont opened the afternoon session. The convention elected Rev. O. R. Houghton, secretary and Rev. C. C. Adams of Essex Junction assistant secretary and appointed several committees.

Dr. Edward Fairbanks reported for the Fairbanks board of education and stated that there was now on hand \$291.54. During the year, eight students have been aided, one at Yale, one at Bangor, one at the International training school, Springfield, and five in special courses at Dartmouth. The balance on hand in the Fairbanks Board of Relief for Ministers is \$204.05.

## Statistics of the Year.

The report of J. M. Comstock of Chelsea, recording secretary, was very encouraging and interesting. This year's meeting is the seventh that has been held in Montpelier. The first one in 1816 and the last one before the present in 1890. No minister has died during the year in active service and but one within the state, George N. Kellogg, for eight years pastor of the Morrisville church.

Deaths of former ministers in the state during the year included Herbert D. Williams, for three years pastor of the churches in Plainfield and Marshfield; Oscar Bissell, West Townsend one year; A. L. Reed one year at East Braintree; F. H. Boston, one year at Ludlow and Tyron; S. F. Gale, a native of Plainfield, though never a pastor of a Vermont church. During the year, the church at West Rochester has reorganized on a Congregational basis with eight members; Albany, 24 members. The West Milton church has disbanded and three other churches, Kirby, Ripston and Westchester have been totally inactive. The total number of churches is 214. Twenty-one churches have pastors installed by council and these have been recognized by council. Twelve churches are furnished with stoves, giving over 20 churches are supplied with pastors. The total membership of the churches in the state is 22,409, an increase of 434 during the year.

There were no additions to 70 churches, an unusual proportion. Churches receiving 15 or more: Burlington, 92; Bristol, 51; Barre, 49; Newport, 44; Rutland, 40; Brattleboro, 39; Bennington, 37; Montpelier, 29; Randolph, 21; Endow, 17; Danville, 16; Barton, Derby and St. Johnsbury North, 15 each. Increase in Sunday school membership, 102.

The benevolent contributions for the year amounted to \$48,875, an increase of \$1,100, while the sum of \$229,327 was expended for home work. A gain of \$2,919 over last year. The gain in valuation of church property is \$71,150. Severe fire losses were suffered, several new parsonages are being built, St. Johnsbury and West Fairlee have celebrated centennials, and three churches have employed a woman as pastor's assistant. Mr. Comstock has been secretary for twenty years and furnished figures of comparison which are of interest.

In 1800 there were 108 churches; 1010, 214; 1890 membership, 20,570; 1910, 22,409; absence membership, 1890, 4,225; 1910, 5,802; families, 1890, 14,202; 1910, 18,474. Sunday school membership, 1890, 21,982; 1910, 19,012; valuation of church property, 1890, \$1,525,500; 1910, \$2,089,674. Only four pastors retain the pulpits held twenty years ago.

## Greetings from Other Churches.

Greetings were presented by Rev. L. J. Bonning of the local Baptist church, Rev. F. R. Parker of the Free Baptist church of Waterbury Center, and Rev. J. Edward Wright of the Montpelier Unitarian church. Rev. W. Parkin Jackson of St. Albans gave the sermon of the afternoon, entitled "The End of Communion." Following the sermon came the communion service.

Last evening, the orchestra rendered a program of sacred music and Hon. J. A. Delboer of Montpelier delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by President Backlund. The speaker of the evening was Rev. G. Glenn Atkins of Providence, R. I., minister of Burlington, whose topic was "The Affirmations of an Age of Doubt." Prayer and benediction were offered by Rev. J. W. Barnett of Barre.

This morning the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary society was held.

## INVENTOR DEAD.

D. Wheeler Smith Originated Envelope Making Machinery.

Worcester, Mass., June 15.—D. Wheeler Smith, one of the founders and directors of the United States Envelope company, died of paralysis at his home here yesterday. Mr. Smith was the inventor of machinery which folds and gums envelopes.

He came to Worcester in 1894, but lived at West Falmouth during the summer. He was a leading member and benefactor of the Society of Friends, Interment will be at West Falmouth, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Smith is survived by a widow, who was Miss Sarah J. Gifford of North Dartmouth.

## PHILIPS-DUNCAN.

Wedding of Barre Teacher at Her Home in Melrose.

Melrose, June 15.—Miss A. Jean Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Duncan of Melrose, was married at noon to-day to Harvey J. W. Phelps, also of this place, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride in the presence of about fifty friends and relatives. Rev. Henry T. Barnard of Melrose performed the ceremony, the Episcopal service being used.

The sitting room of the house was tastefully decorated with ferns and bouquets and the dining room with wild roses. The wedding march was played by Miss Vera Scott of Reading, Mass. The bride and groom were unattended. The bride wore a pretty gown of French mouline over white.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Phelps left for an extended trip through the White Mountains to the North Shore. On their return they intend to go to Texas to reside. Mrs. Phelps has for the past five years been a popular teacher in the Brook street school in Barre. She was from Barre who attended the wedding were Miss Strathairne, Miss Fullerton, Miss Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wales and N. J. Morrison.

## PHOTO STUDIO SOLD.

C. Bau to Retire from Barre Business After Nine Years.

Negotiations were completed to-day, whereby Christian Bau conveys his photographic business in the Currier block on Main street to T. H. Brooks and E. C. Brooks of Montpelier, Uruguay. The consideration named in the deed was a nominal one, and possession will be given immediately.

Mr. Bau has conducted a studio in Barre for nearly nine years, coming to this city from Greenfield, Mass., and always enjoyed a large and constantly growing share of the public patronage. Although he has made no definite plans for the future, Mr. Bau intends to enjoy a much needed rest before again engaging in business.

For the new firm, E. C. Brooks will have charge of the operating room and is especially well equipped for this work. In addition to working in his father's studio in the South American capital, he has secured a diploma from the School of Photography, located in Montevideo, Uruguay, and has had a year's experience in the celebrated Maroon studio on Fifth avenue in New York.

## IN MONTPELIER NEXT YEAR.

State Trap Shooters' League Decides to Meet There.

St. Albans, June 15.—The second annual meeting of the Vermont Trap Shooters' League opened here yesterday and was very well attended, some 60 competitors from abroad being present. The weather was ideal for the sport and some exceptionally good scores were made, including a phenomenal unfinished run of 145 without a miss by J. S. Fanning of the New York, while H. H. Stevens ran 108 without a miss.

The team shoot was won by Montpelier, with Bennington second, score 188 out of a possible 200. At a meeting held last evening, it was voted to hold the next meeting at Montpelier.

## MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Autolet Ran Down Alex. Orlandi, Smashing Cycle and Bruising Him.

Alexander Orlandi and his new motor cycle met with an accident yesterday afternoon near the car barn, which wrecked the machine and badly bruised the owner. In some way he was struck by an automobile, the chauffeur being unknown, and thrown heavily to the ground. The driver did not stop to see what damage was done. Orlandi will try to have the identity of the man and bring suit against him for damages, as he says there were several witnesses to the affair, who will testify that the accident was due to negligence on the part of the automobilist.

## CONVENTION AT ROCHESTER.

J. H. Trott Here to Create Interest in National Granite Dealers' Meeting.

Joseph H. Trott of Rochester, N. Y., president of the New York State Retail Granite Dealers' association and chairman of the national convention of granite and marble men, to be held in Rochester August 24-27, arrived in Barre this morning to stir up interest in the approaching convention. Mr. Trott will visit all the manufacturers and endeavor to secure their co-operation to make the convention a success. Mr. Trott says that all the floor space for exhibits at the convention has already been taken. He came to Barre from Quincy, Mass.

## DIED AT AGE OF 93.

George W. Johnson, Native of Peacham, Dead at St. Albans.

St. Albans, June 15.—The death of the venerable George W. Johnson occurred yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dan Church of Ferris street, of old age and debility. Mr. Johnson was born in Peacham, 93 years ago, and passed most of his life in New Hampshire. Prayers will be held at the home on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and the body will be taken to